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MICROFLORA

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

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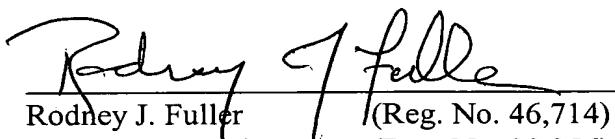
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated July 10, 2003, be extended for a period of two (2) months from October 10, 2003, to and including December 10, 2003.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$420.00. Please charge the required fee to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1814.

Respectfully submitted,

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